

NYCCAP April is Autism Awareness Month Campaign



April is Autism Awareness Month! Monday, April 2, 2018 is World Autism Awareness Day. The Collaborative Systems Committee and the Communications Committee of the New York Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (NYCCAP) will be promoting this important occasion to its member throughout the month. NYCCAP will be posting messages every week with information for you and your patients. We hope the information enriches the lives of child and adolescent psychiatrists and their patients!

WEBSITE POSTINGS:

Week of April 1:

- Mental Health Professionals can make a referral for the NYC Children Mobile Crisis Team by calling (800) NYC-WELL. Response time between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM (two hours). Between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM, you can expect a phone response within 30 minutes.
- The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) – Center for Autism Research has a great resource for parents with autism CAR AUTISM ROADMAP. For more info, please visit: www.carautismroadmap.org

Week of April 8:

- The Theater Development Fund (TDF) coordinates Autism-Friendly Broadway performances in NYC every year. For more information, please visit: www.tdf.org/nyc/40/Autism-Theatre-Initiative
- Drums, checked. Piano, checked. Music for Autism is an organization that puts on autism friendly, interactive concerts throughout the New York City. It’s an organization originally founded in United Kingdom and made its debut in the US in 2007. For a list of upcoming concerts, please visit: <http://www.musicforautism.org/concerts/#NewYork>
- From April 10 – May 6, Lincoln Center will be hosting the “Big Umbrella Festival” a month-long festival featuring three original interactive theater productions and other inclusive performances for children on the autism spectrum and their families. For a schedule of events, please visit: <http://www.lincolncenter.org/big-umbrella/>

Week of April 15:

- Mark your calendar and walk for a cause! Autism Speaks will be having its annual walk in NYC on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at South Street Seaport. For more information, please visit: http://act.autismspeaks.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=3836

Week of April 22:

- As of a CDC report published in April 2016, 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the United States. *Christensen DL, Baio J, Braun KV, et al. Prevalence and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children Aged 8 Years – Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 Sites, United States, 2012. MMWR Surveill Summ 2016;65(No. SS-3)(No. SS-3):1–23. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss6503a1>*